THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d). The Bangalore Metropolitan Regional Development Authority had entrusted to Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd., (RITES) in May 1988 the preparation of a techno-economic feasibility report on the Bangalore Urban Transport Project. The Govt. of Karnataka have not yet sent any detailed project report the Government of India on this.

Promotion of Small and Tiny Industrial Units

2077. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the packages promised for encouraging the Small and Tiny Industrial Units in the New Industrial Policy have been finalised;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the likely date by which it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). A separate package for the promotion of Tiny Enterprises, envisaged in the Policy Measures for Promoting and Strengthening Small, Tiny and Village Enterprises laid in Parliament on 6.8.1991 is yet to be finalised in consultation with concerned Ministries/Departments, etc.

Norms for Allocating Funds under IRDP

2078. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the norms followed for grant of funds/subsidy to beneficiaries of the IRDP;

(b) whether there are any special norms for the people located in hilly and backward areas; if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the norms followed to determine the income groups;

(d) whether the old scheme of allocation of funds based on income are outdated and need revision; and

(e) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The target group for IRDP comprise small farmers, marginal farmers; rural artisans and other who are below the poverty line. For assistance under IRDP the prospective beneficiary should be identified by a gram sabha and the application should be forwarded by officials and sanctioned by the banks. The small farmers are entitled to 25% subsidy, the marginal farmers, rural artisans and other to 33 4/3% subsidy subject to monetary ceilings of Rs. 3000 in normal areas and Rs. 4000 in Drought Prone Area Programme/Desert Development Programme Areas. The Scheduled Castes, Scheduled tribes and the physically handicapped are entitled to 50% subsidy subject to a ceiling of Rs. 5000/-.

(b) The absolute ceilings on subsidy under IRDP are higher than other areas in Drought Prone and Desert Areas. Also, the extent of subsidy admissible to Scheduled Tribes, who are generally located in hilly areas in large numbers, is also higher than those available to the general category of IRDP beneficiaries.

(c) The poverty line is defined according to the basic minimum calorie requirement per person per day separately for rural and urban areas. The monetary value at a given price level is used to determine the poverty line. In order to keep the focus of IRDP on the poorest of the poor from among those fami-

lies with an income below the poverty line, only such families with an income level below the cut off income level are considered for assistance.

(d) and (e). Since the NSSO consumption survey are conducted every 5 years and the results of the same are used for five year plans, the poverty line and cut off line of assistance are revised with a time gap. For example during the Seventh Plan (1985-90), the results of the 38th round of NSSO survey were used to determine both the poverty line and the inter-state allocations. It is proposed that during the Eighth Plan, the results of 43rd round of NSSO survey will be used to determine the revised poverty line as also inter-state allocations under IRDP.

News-Item Captioned 'Delhi Parks - Picture of Neglect'

2079. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news captioned 'Delhi Parks - a picture of neglect' appearing in the 'Hindustan Times' dated November 2, 1991 wherein it has been stated that barring a few parks, small and big parks wear a picture of utter neglect and the size of the parks has been shrinking due to the encroachments with the connivance of the MCD, NDMC and CPWD Officials;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the measures/steps taken to improve the condition of the parks and to remove all encroachments from the parks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The MCD, NDMC and CPWD authorities have confirmed that all the parks, big and small, are maintained properly within the resources available. Necessary instructions exists to remove encroachments on these parks and as such, there is no shrinkage in the size of these parks. In so far as the Shalimar Bagh is concerned, this is maintained as District Park by the DDA and has been developed around Sheesh Mahal monument, which is maintained by the Archaeological Department. The small scale industry units, mentioned in the news-item, are outside the park developed by the DDA.

Some of the steps taken by concerned authorities within the constraints of resources to improve the condition of the parks are - the erection of boundary walls, deployment of watch and ward, malies and other staff, adequate number of tubewells/adequate supply of water for watering the plants, growing of seasonal flowers, flowering shrubs and trees top dressing with Okhia sludge and gooderth, use of fertilizers and involvement of residents, etc.

Transport and Storage Facilities for Fruit and Vegetable Traders

2080. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR:
SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an estimated 40 percent of Indian annual production of fruits and vegetables rots before it gets to the market because of a poor transport and storage facilities; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) A report